

**MINUTES OF THE HARDEMAN COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE BODY MAY TERM  
REGULAR SESSION MAY 21, 2024**

Be it remembered that a Regular Meeting of the Legislative Body for the County of Hardeman, State of Tennessee was conducted in the Hardeman County Courthouse in the City of Bolivar, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Hon. Todd Pulse, County Mayor, was present and presiding, and a quorum of Commissioners, namely, Hon. David Bell, Hon. Cory Bufford, Hon. Russell Deberry, Hon. Mark Gilliam, Hon. Brad Grantham, Hon. Bobby Hensley, Hon. Joe Jenkins, Hon. Jeff Kennamore, Hon. Chandra Y. Lake, Hon. Bethany Miller, Hon. Mamie Polk, Hon. Johnny Weems, Hon. Jackie Sain, Hon. John Vickers, and Hon. Bobby Wright were present and Hon. Johnny M. Lanier was absent. County Clerk, Tonet Griggs and County Attorney, Dale Conder Jr. was present and the meeting was opened in due form of the law and had to wit:

15 PRESENT 1 ABSENT

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to approve the minutes held April 16, 2024 and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded to approve the motion.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES**

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to approve the notaries for this month and Hon. Russell Deberry seconded to approve the list of notaries.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one signed up for public forum.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPERINTENDENT CRISTY SMITH**

Christy did not speak but she passed out a letter containing a budget update. (SEE ATTACHED)

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – ASPHALT MANAGER LEE MEREK**

Superintendent Swift was unable to attend therefore Manager Lee stood before the County Committee. He brought forth a request from the citizens to raise the speed limit on Nuckolls Rd from 30 mph to 40 mph. Hon. Jackie Sain made the motion to raise the speed limit and Hon. Chandra Lake seconded the motion.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

Manager Lee then brought forth the proposed budget for 24-25. Hon Deberry asked what are the figures from 23-24 as well as the figures for 24-25 so that they can compare to see how much more or less he is asking for? Supervisor Lee said he does not have that figure in front of him. Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to table the budget review until they have that information and Hon. Bobby Wright seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE  
15 AYE 0 NAY**

**BUILDING COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER DAVID BELL**

Hon. David Bell informed the committee that the plans had to be revised for the Election Committee building and there will have to be ads placed for the bids in the newspaper. Darrell Teubner of Bolivar Bulletin Times said that if he got the request to him he could run the bid in the newspaper on Thursday May 23. Hon. Bell said that the next bid day will be June 6, 2024 at p.m.

Hon. Grantham spoke on the Archive Building and needing a scope on what repairs is needed on the outside of the building so that the bids can be placed in the ads and hopefully have the repairs done before it gets to cold. Hon Bell said that he has an estimate on the roof. Hon. Grantham said the Historical Development Grant Program has been applied and approved for and is not sure if the grant will be available in 2025 as of now. This grant is a reimbursement grant and is a 75/25 project. The grant covers repairs on the outside of the building and if any funds are available after the initial outside repairs those funds can be used on the interior.

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER JEFF KENNAMORE**

There will be a meeting Thursday May 23, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the conference room.

**AMBULANCE COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER BETHANY MILLER**

There will be a meeting May 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – SHERIFF DOOLEN**

Sheriff Doolen presented the arrest report and the litter report. He informed the Committee that there is an ice machine that has been replaced and now needs disposal of the old one (SEE ATTACHED). They will also be selling an older model Crown Victoria on the website govdeals.com (SEE ATTACHED). Hon. Jeff Kennamore made a motion to get rid of the two items of surplus and Hon. Joe Jenkins seconded the motion.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – MAYOR PULSE**

Mayor Pulse informed the Commission that the Workforce Development Program is offered by the state and it offers people between the ages 18-24 a job. The positions are designated for the southwest region and spans over 8 counties totaling 150 positions. Funding has ended because the number of positions has been filled.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT TOWER LEASE – MAYOR PULSE**

Mayor Pulse gave an update on the repeater and fire tower lease. Attorney Dale Conder has looked over the contract and made revisions. This tower is located in Saulsbury and it met the elevation requirements that were needed to overcome the height of the ridge's interference. The only thing will be for each chief to get their radios frequency on the same channel.

**LAWSUITE UPDATE – ATTORNEY DALE CONDER**

Attorney Conder gave the lawsuit update. Mr. Conder informed the County Commission that Judge Anderson has approved a part of the decertification as well as denying part of the decertification. It has not been confirmed which parties will go to trial and those that will not. He recommends that they go to mediation and try to settle there. Hon. Wright

made the motion to go back to mediation and Hon. Miller seconded the motion. (SEE ATTACHED)

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**15 AYE 0 NAY**

The second order of business since mediation vote passed is to elect someone to attend mediation with Mayor Pulse. Hon. Wright made a motion for Hon. Jackie Sain to accompany Mayor Pulse at the mediation and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

**CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION**

Attorney Conder said that he would recommend that the zoning cases be dropped and picked back up once a Zoning Compliance Officer be appointed. Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to dismiss the zoning cases and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**15 AYE 0 NAY**

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Hon. Jackie Sain brought forth the budget amendments. Budget amendments 1-4, 7-9, 15, and 17 were already approved by the Budget Committee.

1. Other Board & Committees (SEE ATTACHED)
2. Election Office (SEE ATTACHED)
3. Zoning (SEE ATTACHED)
4. Circuit Court (SEE ATTACHED)
5. County Coroner (SEE ATTACHED)
6. Ambulance (SEE ATTACHED)
7. Mayor's Office (SEE ATTACHED)
8. Veteran Services (SEE ATTACHED)
9. Miscellaneous (SEE ATTACHED)
10. Miscellaneous (SEE ATTACHED)
11. Landfill (SEE ATTACHED)
12. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office- Workhouse to Sheriff's Office (SEE ATTACHED)
13. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office - Workhouse (SEE ATTACHED)
14. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office- Workhouse to Sheriff's Office (SEE ATTACHED)
15. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office – Drug Fund (SEE ATTACHED)
16. Hardeman Co. Sheriff's Office (SEE ATTACHED)
17. Workhouse (SEE ATTACHED)
18. Legal Fees (SEE ATTACHED)

Hon. Brad Grantham made a motion to accept budget amendments 5, 6, 10-14, 16, 18 and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion. First budget reading will be held June 25, 2024.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**15 AYE 0 NAY**

**ADJOURN**

Hon. Mark Gilliam made a motion to adjourn and Hon. Johnny Weems seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be June 25, 2024. The meeting was previously scheduled for June 18, 2024 Mayor Pulse stated that he will be absent and rescheduled so that every one will have their first budget reading ready for reading on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

COUNTY MAYOR Todd Pulse

COUNTY CLERK Janet Hugg